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SUBJ: EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IV NOMINEE ANURA BANDARANAIKE'S
US VISIT

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1. SUMMARY: WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT ANURA BANDARANAIKE VISIT PROVIDE THIS RISING YOUNG POLITICAL FIGURE WITH OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BROADEST POSSIBLE PICTURE OF US, INCLUDING US LEADERSHIP AND US EFFORTS TO HELP MSA'S SUCH AS SRI LANKA. RECOGNIZE SUGGESTIONS DETAILED BELOW EXCEED NORMAL IVP PROGRAM IN TERMS OF PLANNING REQUIREMENTS BUT URGE EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GIVE ANURA SPECIAL ATTENTION IN IVEW OF POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE PROMINENCE.

2. BACKGROUND. ANURA BANDARANAIKE HAS EMERGED DURING PAST YEAR AS IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE ON SRI LANKA SCENE. HE HAS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED CLAIM AS POLITICAL HEIR-APPARENT TO MOTHER AND FATHER, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE SERVED AS PRIME MINISTER. ANURA'S ACTIVITIES WITH SLFP YOUTH LEAGUE, HIS TRIPS ABROAD, AND HIS NUMEROUSQA SPEECHES ARE GIVEN CONSISTENT AND HEAVY PRESS PLAY HERE. MANY CEYLONSE NOW SEE ANURA AS MOVING STEADILY TOWARDS HIGH PUBLIC OFFICE, POSSIBLE INCLUDING PRIME MINISTERHSIP AT SOME FUTRE DATE. ALTHOUGH ANURA IS ONLY 26 YEARS OLD, ANURA'S FAMILY TIES, HIS GROWING POLTICIAL ACTVITT AND HIS INCREASING AMIBITION MAKE
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HIM ONE OF COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURRES,

AS UNDERScoreD BY ANURA'S RECENT TRIP TO NORTH KOREA AND PRC. NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NORTH KOREA IS ADVERTIZED AS FOREIGN POLICY TRIUMPH FOR ANURA AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANURA WITH KIM-IL-SUNG, CHOU-EN-LAI AND SIHANOUK HAVE BEEN FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN SRI LANKA PRESS. AT THIS MOMENT, ANURA'S POLITICAL PROFILE IS HIGHER THAN EVER AND US VISIT MAY PROVE TO BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN US-SRI LANKA LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP.

3. WHAT DO WE WANT FROM ANURA'S US VISIT? ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT IVP PROGRAM IS NOT GENERALLY DESIGNED TO CATER TO SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ANURA BANDARANAIKE VISIT, THIS IS THE ONLY VEHICLE WE HAVE FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME AND WE BELIEVE BY CAREFUL PLANNING WE CAN DESIGN A PROGRAM WHICH WILL HAVE MAXIMUM BENEFITS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALTHOUGH NOT A PROTOCOL VISIT IN NORMAL SENSE, WE HOPE DEPT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE AS CLOSE TO VIP TREATMENT AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO EXPOSE ANURA TO AS MANY FACETS AS POSSIBLE OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS. MOREOVER, BY INTRODUCING ANURA TO A CROSS SECTION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, INCLUDING YOUTH BUT NOT ONLY YOUTH, WE HOPE TO IMPRESS ON THIS YOUNG MAN THE VITALITY, VARIETY, AND OPENNESS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE UNITED STATES. PROGRAM SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO PUT BANDARANAIKE, A RISING YOUNG LEADER IN SOUTH ASIA, IN TOUCH WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IN AMERICAN LIFE WHICH WILL CONVEY TO HIM AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING AND CONCERN FOR PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING WORLD. PROGRAM SHOULD DEMONSTRATE TO HIM WHAT US, THROUGH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CHANNELS, IS DOING TO ASSIST LDCs, ESPECIALLY MSAs SUCH AS SRI LANKA.

4. GENERAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: WE RECOMMEND PROGRAM OF APPROXIMATELY 3 WEEKS DURATION IN WHICH ANURA IS GIVEN POSITIVE ROLE, INCLUDING OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SEVERAL SPEECHES OR SEMINAR TALKS, EXPOSURE TO TELEVISION AND ONE OR TWO NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS. (ANURA HAS ALREADY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FASHING). IN ADDITION TO WASHINGTON CALLS SUGGESTED BELOW, VISIT TO GOVERNOR OR MAYOR, ESPECIALLY BLACK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAYOR, WOULD BE USEFUL. ANURA SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CEYLONSE COMMUNITIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF US. (WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES HAVE SIZEABLE CEYLONSE COMMUNITIES.) WE HAVE TOLD ANURA NOT TO EXPECT TREATMENT ON SAME HIGH LEVEL AS ACCORDED HIM IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES BUT WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT ANURA BE GIVEN HIGHEST TREATMENT POSSIBLE BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND IN OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY.

5. SUGGESTIONS FOR ANURA'S ITINERARY:

A. WASHINGTON: WE WOULD HOPE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR ANURA TO SEE PRESIDENT BUT, IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE, RECOMMEND CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT BE ARRANGED. ANURA SHOULD ALSO SEE OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SISCO, WHO KNOWS PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, MIGHT AGREE TO GIVE LUNCHEON IN ANURA'S HONOR. VISIT TO DEMOCRANOF C AND/OR REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS AND TRIP TO CAPITAL HILL SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED. ON THE HILL, RECOMMEND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SEVERAL SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDE IF POSSIBLE SEVERAL FROM IPU DELEGATION WHICH RECENTLY VISITED COLOMBO, AS WELL AS SENATORS HARTKE AND MATHIAS AND CONGRESSMAN THOMAS FOLEY. (DURING RECENT VISIT TO COLOMBO CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON AGREED TO HELP ARRANGE SUCH A LUNCHEON).

B. NEW YORK CITY: IN ADDITION TO SIGHTSEEING AND VISIT TO UNITED NATIONS, WE RECOMMEND PROGRAM AT COLOMBIA UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR TALKED EARLIER TO PROFESSOR HOWARD WRIGGINS WHO AGREED TO ARRANGE PROGRAM INVOLVING ANURA AND EITHER GRADUATE STUDENTS OR PROFESSORS CONNECTED WITH SOUTH ASIA PROGRAM. ASIA SOCIETY ALSO MIGHT BE WILLING TO HOST FUNCTION FOR ANURA.

C. BOSTON: ANURA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING HARVARD. HE HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND STUDIED THIS AS FIELD IN UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. PROGRAM IN BOSTON TO INCLUDE REVOLUTION-RELATED ACTIVITIES IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED. (PROFESSOR MOYNIHAN WHO MET PRIME MINISTER ON RECENT VISIT TO SRI LANKA MIGHT BE WILLING TO HELP ARRANGE PART OF BOSTON PROGRAM.)

D. PUERTO RICO: SUGGESTION FOR VISIT TO PUERTO RICO BASED ON DESIRE TO EXPOSE ANURA TO AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN CLIMATIC AND AGRO-ECONOMIC ZONE SIMILAR TO SRI LANKA AND TO OFFER CONTRAST TO ANURA'S CUBA VISIT. IF NOT FEASIBLE WITHIN PROPOSED TIME FRAME PUERTO RICO COULD BE DROPPED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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E. SOUTHERN AND MIDWEST STOPS: WE RECOMMEND ANURA VISIT A SOUTHERN STATE, SUCH AS FLORIDA OR LOUISIANA. IN LOUISIANA MIGHT INSPECT U.S. RICE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT. RECOMMEND VISIT TO MIDWEST, PERHAPS CLEVELAND OR CHICAGO. IF CLEVELAND FEASIBLE, CLEVELAND COUNCIL WORLD AFFAIRS AGREEABLE TO HOST FUNCTION FOR ANURA. (AMBASSADOR TALKED TO CLEVELAND COUNCIL PEOPLE DURING SRI LANKA VISIT IN JANUARY, 1975. DEPT MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT MRS. BURTON R. BINYON, DIRECTOR, AND OR MRS. WARREN MORGAN, WHO CAME TO SRI LANKA WITH GROUP OF 22.)

F. WEST COAST: ON WEST COAST, VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY AND TO LOS ANGELES ARE RECOMMENDED. ANURA HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT DISNEYLAND.

G. HAWAII: WE RECOMMEND ANURA VISIT EAST-WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU. PERSONAL FRIEND OF ANURA, MR. JOHN G. AMIRTHANAYAGAM, ONE-TIME DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SRI LANKA IN LONDON AND NOW ON STAFF OF EAST-WEST CENTER, MIGHT ASSIST IN ARRANGING HAWAII PROGRAM.

6. PRESS AND PUBLICITY: WE ADVISE PROGRAM INCLUDE SELECTIVE PRESS PLAY FOR SRI LANKA AUDIENCE, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR NEVIGUE

NAKARATNE IS SENSITIVE TO THIS ASPECT OF VISIT AND PRESS AND PUBLICITY COVERAGE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CHECKED WITH SRI LANKA EMBASSY. USIA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE BIO SKETCH ON ANURA FOR WASHINGTON PROGRAMMING AND FOR USE BY VARIOUS HOS COMMUNITIES.

7. INASMUCH AS PRIME MINISTER MADE PERSONAL REQUEST FOR DHANAPALA TO ACCOMPANY ANURA (PARA 3 REFTTEL), WE SHOULD NOT QUIBBLE OVER COST OF UNDERWRITING DHANAPALA'S EXPENSES.

8. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL, WE HOPE DEPT WILL HAVE DETAILS OF PROGRAM ALMOST COMPLETELY SETTLED PRIOR TO ANURA'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, INCLUDING VISITS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANURA'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. ANURA INFORMED AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON THAT MAY 19 ARRIVAL DATE IS CONVENIENT. ALSO ASKED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SEE AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON APRIL 11 TO DISCUSS VISIT. WE WILL FORWARD SOONEST ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THIS PROGRAM WHICH RESULT FROM CONVERSATION WITH ANURA.

9. AS THRUST OF FOREGOING MESSAGE SUGGEST, WE SHOULD NOT HANDLE ANURA BANDARANAIKE VISIT AS ROUTINE ONE INVOLVING NORMAL PROGRAM AGENCY TECHNIQUES.

VISIT WILL REQUIRE DETAILS TO BE HAND-TAILORED AND CAREFULLY WORKED OUT PRIOR TO ANURA'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST DEPT'S REACTION TO FORGOING SUGGESTIONS. VAN HOLLEN

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